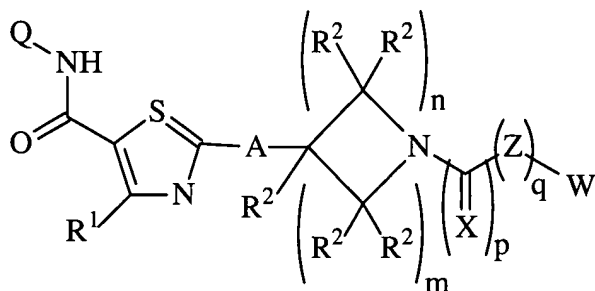
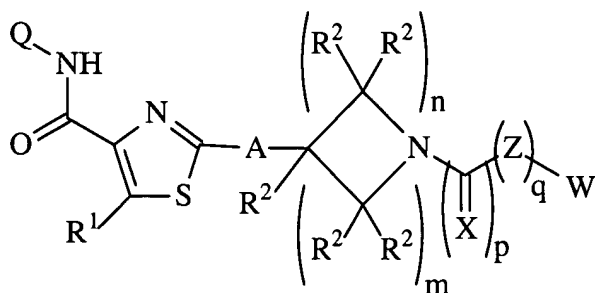


IN THE CLAIMS

1. (original) A compound of formula (I) or formula (II):



(I)



(II)

wherein:

Q is an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, aralkoxy, alkylthio, aralkylthio, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, carboxyl, carboxylalkyl, esterified carboxyl, alkylsulfoxyl, alkylsulfonyl, nitro, carbonitrile, carbo-alkoxy, carbo-aryloxy, or heterocyclic group;

A is a single bond or alkylene;

X is O or S;

Z is O, S or NR³;

p is 0 or 1;

q is 0 or 1;

n is an integer from 0 to 10;

m is an integer from 0 to 10;

W is an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, aralkoxy, alkylthio, aralkylthio, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, carboxyl, carboxylalkyl, esterified carboxyl, alkylsulfoxyl, alkylsulfonyl, nitro, carbonitrile, carbo-alkoxy, carbo-aryloxy, or heterocyclic group;

R¹ is H or alkyl;

R² is independently H or alkyl; and

R³ is H or alkyl;

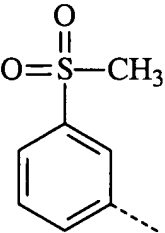
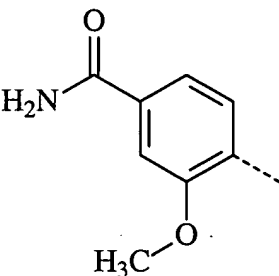
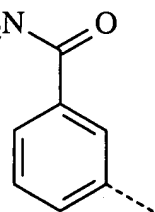
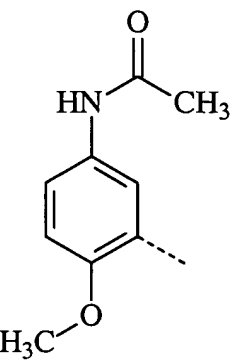
or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof.

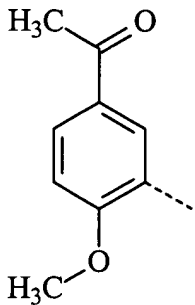
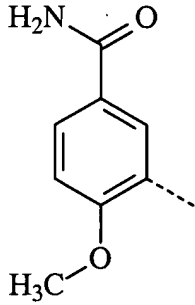
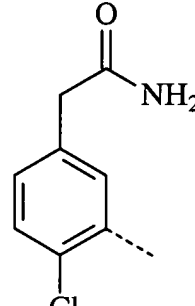
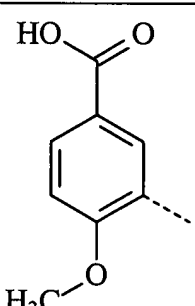
2. (original) The compound of claim 1 of formula (II).
3. (currently amended) The compound of claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~ wherein A is a single bond.
4. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 3~~ wherein X is O.
5. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 3~~ wherein X is S and Z is NR³.
6. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 5~~ wherein R³ is H.
7. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 6~~ wherein p = 1.
8. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 7~~ wherein q = 0.
9. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 8~~ wherein the sum n + m is an integer from 2 to 10.
10. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 9~~ wherein the sum n + m is 4.

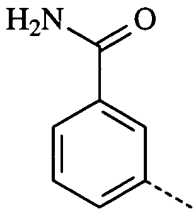
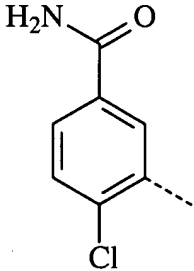
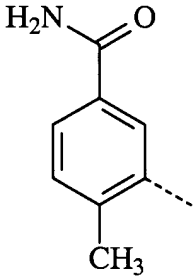
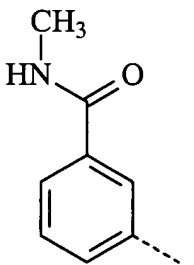
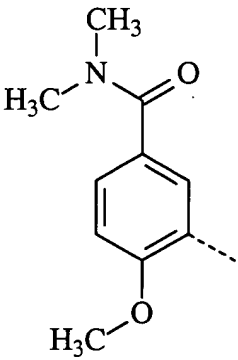
11. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 10~~ wherein $n = 2$ and $m = 2$.
12. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 11~~ wherein R^1 is H.
13. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 12~~ wherein R^2 is H.
14. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 13~~ wherein Q is an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, carboxyl, carboxylalkyl, esterified carboxyl, alkylsulfonyl or heterocyclic group.
15. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 14~~ wherein Q comprises an optionally substituted aryl or heterocyclic group.
16. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 15~~ wherein Q is an optionally substituted aryl or heterocyclic group.
17. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 15~~ wherein Q comprises an optionally substituted phenyl.
18. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 17~~ wherein Q is an optionally substituted phenyl.
19. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 16~~ wherein Q is an optionally substituted furanyl.
20. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 16~~ wherein Q is an optionally substituted thienyl.

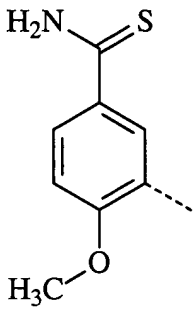
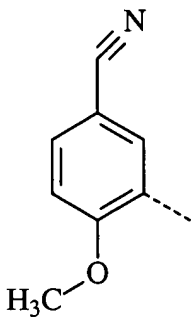
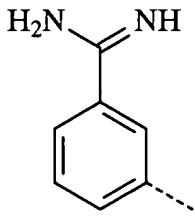
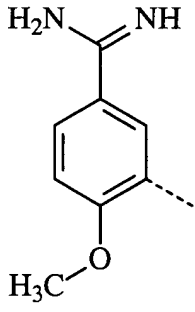
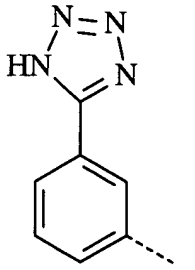
21. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 16~~ wherein Q is a radical selected from the radicals set out in table 1.

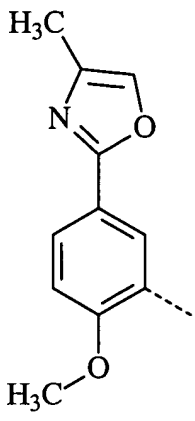
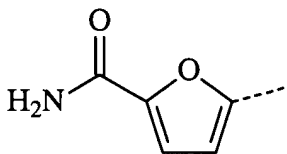
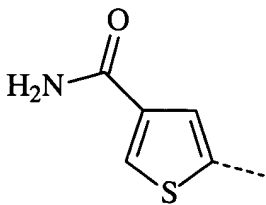
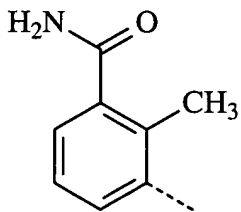
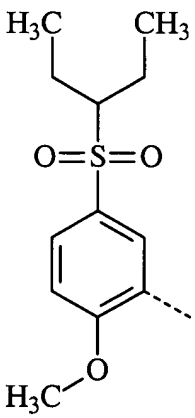
Table 1

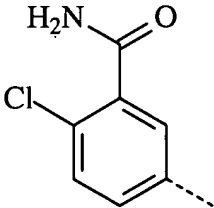
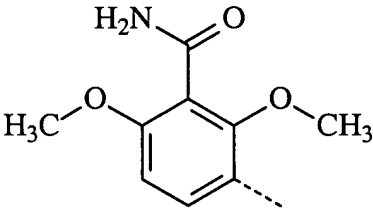
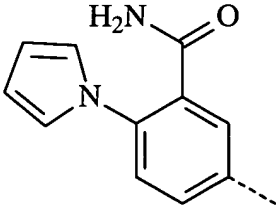
Q	Radical
Q ¹	
Q ²	
Q ³	
Q ⁴	

Q ⁵	 <p>Chemical structure of 4-(3-methoxyphenyl)butan-2-one. It consists of a benzene ring with a methoxy group (-OCH₃) at the 3-position and a butan-2-one chain (-CH₂-CH₂-C(=O)-CH₃) at the 1-position. A dashed line indicates the attachment point at the 4-position of the benzene ring.</p>
Q ⁶	 <p>Chemical structure of 4-(3-methoxyphenyl)butanamide. It consists of a benzene ring with a methoxy group (-OCH₃) at the 3-position and a butanamide chain (-CH₂-CH₂-C(=O)-NH₂) at the 1-position. A dashed line indicates the attachment point at the 4-position of the benzene ring.</p>
Q ⁷	 <p>Chemical structure of 4-(3-chlorophenyl)butanamide. It consists of a benzene ring with a chlorine atom (-Cl) at the 3-position and a butanamide chain (-CH₂-CH₂-C(=O)-NH₂) at the 1-position. A dashed line indicates the attachment point at the 4-position of the benzene ring.</p>
Q ⁸	 <p>Chemical structure of 4-(3-methoxyphenyl)butanoic acid. It consists of a benzene ring with a methoxy group (-OCH₃) at the 3-position and a butanoic acid chain (-CH₂-CH₂-C(=O)-OH) at the 1-position. A dashed line indicates the attachment point at the 4-position of the benzene ring.</p>

Q ⁹	
Q ¹⁰	
Q ¹¹	
Q ¹²	
Q ¹³	

Q ¹⁴	 <p>Chemical structure of 4-(methylthio)benzothioamide: A benzene ring with a methylthio group (-OCH₃) at the para position and a thioamide group (-C(=S)NH₂) at the other para position. A dashed line indicates a point of attachment on the ring.</p>
Q ¹⁵	 <p>Chemical structure of 4-(methylthio)benzonitrile: A benzene ring with a methylthio group (-OCH₃) at the para position and a nitrile group (-C≡N) at the other para position. A dashed line indicates a point of attachment on the ring.</p>
Q ¹⁶	 <p>Chemical structure of benzylidenehydrazine: A benzene ring with a benzylidenehydrazine group (-CH=N-NH₂) attached. A dashed line indicates a point of attachment on the ring.</p>
Q ¹⁷	 <p>Chemical structure of 4-(methylthio)benzylidenehydrazine: A benzene ring with a methylthio group (-OCH₃) at the para position and a benzylidenehydrazine group (-CH=N-NH₂) at the other para position. A dashed line indicates a point of attachment on the ring.</p>
Q ¹⁸	 <p>Chemical structure of 4-(methylthio)phenylhydrazine: A benzene ring with a methylthio group (-OCH₃) at the para position and a phenylhydrazine group (-NH-NH-C₆H₅) at the other para position. A dashed line indicates a point of attachment on the ring.</p>

Q ¹⁹	 <p>Chemical structure of 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylisoxazole. It consists of a benzene ring with a methoxy group (-OCH₃) at the para position and a 2-methylisoxazol-5-yl group at the other para position. A dashed line indicates a point of attachment on the benzene ring.</p>
Q ²⁰	 <p>Chemical structure of 2-amino-5-methoxyfuran. It consists of a furan ring with an amino group (-NH₂) at the 2-position and a methoxy group (-OCH₃) at the 5-position. A dashed line indicates a point of attachment on the furan ring.</p>
Q ²¹	 <p>Chemical structure of 2-aminothiophene. It consists of a thiophene ring with an amino group (-NH₂) at the 2-position. A dashed line indicates a point of attachment on the thiophene ring.</p>
Q ²²	 <p>Chemical structure of 2-amino-3-methylbenzoic acid. It consists of a benzene ring with an amino group (-NH₂) at the 1-position, a methyl group (-CH₃) at the 3-position, and a carboxylic acid group (-COOH) at the 2-position. A dashed line indicates a point of attachment on the benzene ring.</p>
Q ²³	 <p>Chemical structure of 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-sulfonamide. It consists of a benzene ring with a methoxy group (-OCH₃) at the para position and a 2,2-dimethylpropane-1-sulfonamido group at the other para position. A dashed line indicates a point of attachment on the benzene ring.</p>

Q ²⁴	
Q ²⁵	
Q ²⁶	

22. (original) The compound of claim 21 wherein Q is Q₆, Q₇ or Q₁₀.

23. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 22~~ wherein W is an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, aralkoxy, alkylthio, aralkylthio, carboxyl, carboxylalkyl, esterified carboxyl, alkylsulfonyl, carbo-alkoxy, carbo-aryloxy or heterocyclic group.

24. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 23~~ wherein W is an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl or heterocyclic group.

25. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 24~~ wherein W comprises an optionally substituted aryl or heterocyclic group.

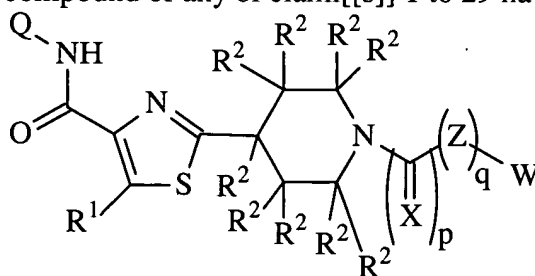
26. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 25~~ wherein W is an optionally substituted aryl or heterocyclic group.

27. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 25~~ wherein W comprises an optionally substituted phenyl.

28. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 27~~ wherein W is an optionally substituted phenyl.

29. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 25 or 27~~ wherein W is a benzyl group optionally substituted on the phenyl ring.

30. (currently amended) A compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 29~~ having formula (III):



formula (III).

31. (original) A compound of claim 1 selected from:

N-[5-(aminocarbonyl)-2-methoxyphenyl]-2-{1-[(4,7-dimethylpyrazolo[5,1-*c*][1,2,4]triazin-3-yl)carbonyl]-4-piperidinyl}-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxamide;

N-[5-(aminocarbonyl)-2-methoxyphenyl]-2-[1-(1-benzofuran-2-ylcarbonyl)-4-piperidinyl]-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxamide;

N-[5-(aminocarbonyl)-2-methoxyphenyl]-2-[1-(3-phenyl-2-propynoyl)-4-piperidinyl]-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxamide;

2-(1-{[2-(allylsulfanyl)-3-pyridinyl]carbonyl}-4-piperidinyl)-*N*-[5-(aminocarbonyl)-2-

methoxyphenyl]-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxamide;

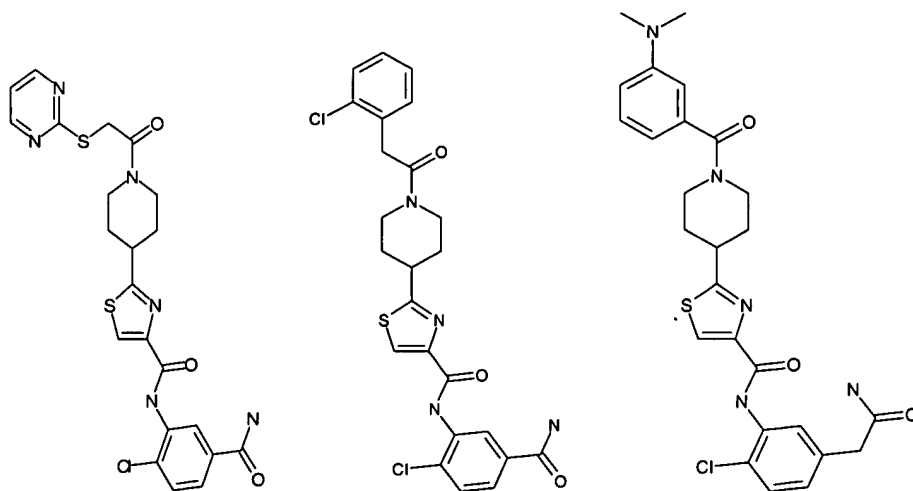
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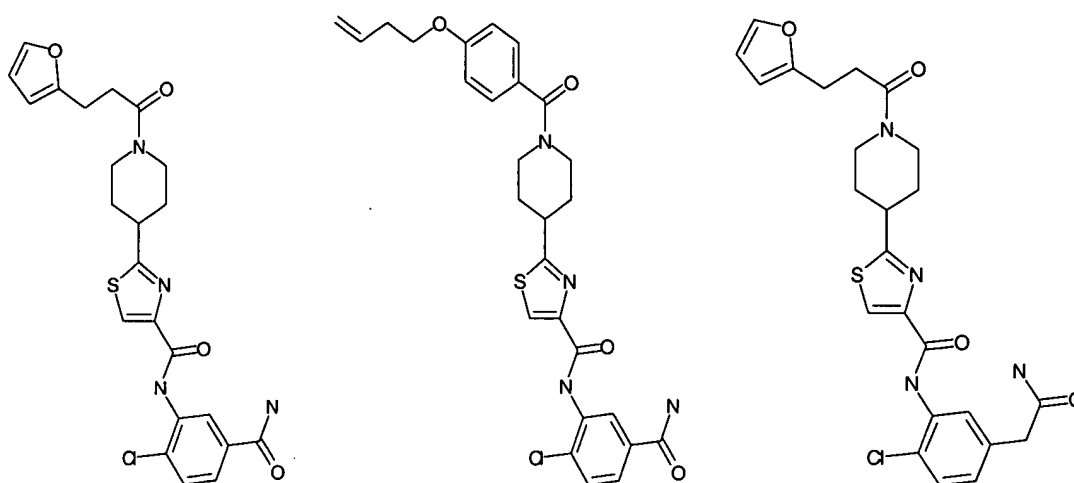
N-[5-(aminocarbonyl)-2-methoxyphenyl]-2-{1-[(3,4-dimethylphenoxy)acetyl]-4-piperidinyl}-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxamide;

N-[5-(aminocarbonyl)-2-methoxyphenyl]-2-[1-({4-(dimethylamino)phenyl}amino)carbonothioyl]-4-piperidinyl]-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxamide;
or

N-[5-(aminocarbonyl)-2-methoxyphenyl]-2-(1-{[4-(2-pyridinyl)-1-piperazinyl]carbonyl}-4-piperidinyl)-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxamide.

32. (original) A compound of claim 1 selected from:





33. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any one of claim[[s]] 1 to 32~~ for use in a method of treatment of disease.

34. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any one of claim[[s]] 1 to 32~~ for use in therapy or diagnosis.

35. canceled

36. canceled

37. (currently amended) A method of treating a VEGF-mediated disorder comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective dose of a compound of ~~any one of claim[[s]] 1-34~~.

38. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of ~~any one of claim[[s]] 1-34~~ in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent.

39. canceled

40. canceled

41. (currently amended) A method of treating acute macular degenerative disorder comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective dose of a VEGF inhibitor, wherein the VEGF inhibitor is a compound of claim 1.

42. canceled

43. (currently amended) A VEGF inhibitor for topical administration for the treatment of acute macular degenerative disorder, wherein the VEGF inhibitor is a compound of claim 1.

44. canceled

45. (currently amended) A topical system for the treatment of acute macular degenerative disorder comprising a VEGF inhibitor, wherein the VEGF inhibitor is a compound of claim 1.

46. canceled